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Building Projects Featured At Board Meet Monday Nite

Several Buildings to Be Renovated; $100 Given to Athletic Fund

Building projects were featured in the regular meeting of the Ahoskie town council Monday night, several persons applying for permits to remodel or move buildings in Ahoskie.

Commissioner W. H. Basnight was granted permission to move a house down Lloyd Street and to repair the Pure Food Store on Main street which was damaged considerably in a recent fire.

D. L. Myers appeared before the council and asked the town to open a sewer near his residence on East Church Street. Mr. Myers said that it was impossible to get after a large rain without rubber boots because of water ponding in the street. L. T. Liverman was instructed to open the sewer as soon as possible.

J. D. Ausley was given permission to rebuild a shop at a cost of around $800. This decision was rescinded for further consideration when the councilmen were asked to give more thought to the matter of allowing a manufacturing establishment to be built in a residential section. The shop was to have been built in the residential section at the east end of town.

Tom Costis was given permission to repair the front of the Manhattan Cafe on Main Street.

F. M. Tucker, principal of the Ahoskie School, appeared before the board and asked a donation for the high school athletic fund. The board agreed to donate $100 and to give their support on a $28,000 gymnasium and swimming pool project at the high school.

Advertising for unpaid taxes was postponed until the second week in September.

Red Oxide Used Successfully On Tobacco Blue Mold

Four Bertie County Farmers Report Good Results From Spray

By B. E. GRANT,
Bertie County Agent.

Last spring Hartwell Mitchell of Windsor township, F. H. Phelps and Howard Phelps of Merry Hill, and J. B. Cullipher of Whites township sprayed a part of their tobacco plant beds with red copper oxide. They each report satisfactory results from the spray although spraying was not started before blue mold made its appearance.

Hartwell Mitchell says he sprayed 200 yards and set six acres from the sprayed bed. He reports [illegible] acre set from a 100-yard [illegible]

F. H. Phelps says he sprayed 90 yards and had 80 yards that he did not spray. From the sprayed bed he says he set three-fourths an acre on May 1 and one fourth acre from the unsprayed bed. He reports a total of two and one-fourth acres set from the sprayed bed and only three fourths an acre from the unsprayed bed. Mr. Phelps says he had plenty of plants for his crop and sold enough plants to pay for the cost of spraying, but most of his neighbors had a shortage of plants.

Howard Phelps says he sprayed 175 yards and left 50 yards not sprayed. He was well pleased with the results from spraying and had plenty of plants to set his crop.

J. B. Cullipher reports spraying 700 yards with 100 yards not sprayed. He says he was well repaid for spraying. He had plenty of plants to set his crop.

Farm Checkups Finished Soon

Field work by supervisors checking on farm compliance is expected to be completed this week, according to an announcement made Tuesday by County Agent J. W. Ballentine. This probably represents an earlier date than any previous year since the beginning of farm compliance work.

Mr. Ballentine said that practically all the cotton growers in this county are complying with their allotments, though many have overplanted their tobacco allotments. Farmers are to plow up any excess tobacco on their cotton allotments even if they overplanted their allotment, provided they did not exceed their allotment in cot-

Ahoskie Filling Station Operator Has Encounter With An Octopus

E. C. O'Briant Attacked By Devilfish While Swimming At Ocean View Recently: Says Critter "Felt Like Fire;" Leg Bruised

E. C. "Billy" O'Briant, Ahoskie service station operator, probably is the only man in Ahoskie who has ever encountered an octopus in its native element and he doesn't want to do so again, according to his own statement.

Last Tuesday, August 8, Mr. O'Briant, Mrs. O'Briant and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Long of Roxboro, decided to go on a house-party at Ocean View. "I didn't stay but five or six hours, though," Mr. O'Briant says.

Soon after his arrival at the beach, Mr. O'Briant decided to go swimming. He was swimmnig in deep water, when suddenly he felt something grab his right leg. "It felt like fire," he said. In no time the thing had completely encircled his right leg and seized his left leg as well. Mr. O'Briant did some scrambling—enough so that he dragged the thing several yards to shallower water, where his tormentor suddenly let go of his leg. He never was able to see what it was that had him, but beach attendants said it evidently was a small devil fish, or octopus, and that several of the critters have been reported at the beach this year. All have been small, however, because of the shallowness of the water frequented by bathers.

Mr. O'Briant's leg pained him so much from the encounter that Dr. Paul Mitchell had to treat it for bruises soon after his return from Ocean View. The leg was still sore this week, Mr. O'Briant said.

Spends His Time Singing In Jail

Otis Casper, white man of near Powellsville, evidently found the lockup in the Ahoskie town hall a pleasant place in which to sober up Monday afternoon and night. Following his arrest early Monday afternoon by Policeman Jim Mitchell near the Leary stables for public drunkenness, Casper lay flat on his back in the local clink and sang, whooped, shouted and whistled, though he protested vociferously on being placed in the cell in the first place.

Town officials were amused Monday night before the council meeting to hear Casper monotonously singing over and over a fragment of some song about a girl with brown eyes. He could still be heard whistling the same tune while the town commissioners were in session.

Casper probably changed his tune Tuesday morning when he was fined $8.75 by Mayor W. W. Rogers for public drunkenness.

At the same time, William Riddick, colored, was fined $5 and costs for driving without a license.

Several Entrants Signed For Soap Box Derby Friday

Parade to Feature Ahoskie's First Soap Box Derby: Prizes Offered

Several boys have already registered and more are expected to register for the Soap Box Derby which is to be held Friday, August 18, Mayor Rogers announced this week.

Names of those who have already registered are. Sam Vinson, Donald Early, Linwood Harris, Harris, John Papas, A. O. Kiff. Every boy entering the event is to receive some sort of prize, Mayor Rogers said.

The affair is to be informal, and there will be no rules except that each boy must use regular soap box wheels which were ordered from Raleigh last week by Mr. Rogers. Along with the wheels, the manager of the Raleigh firm that sold the wheels sent a check for $10 which is to be used as prize money for the winners of the derby. The Virginia Electric and Power Co., is also offering $10 in prizes.

Entrants in the race are to be escorted to the track—the overpass on the new highway at the Southern edge of town—by the high school band. The parade is to start from the new bandstand in Ahoskie.

Mr. Rogers this week expressed the hope that sufficient interest may be aroused in the boys of Ahoskie to send an entrant to the state derby next year in Raleigh and to the national contest.

N. C. Bureau Takes Forward Step At Annual Meeting

The Farm Bureau took a step forward at its annual meeting by authorizing the Secretary to set up organization districts and employ field men to work in a specified number of counties. In order to do this, it was necessary to increase the membership dues which was raised from $2.00 to $3.00, $1.00 of which remains in the county, $2.00 being forwarded to the state office, 50c of which goes to the national organization; 50c for the publication of a state paper and $1.00 for the operation of the state office.

A goal of 20,000 members was also set for the coming year. R. M. Evans, AAA Administrator, having reminded the Farm Bureau that if their work was to be effective in securing and conducting farm programs it was absolutely essential that they have a strong, aggressive membership throughout the state. It is expected that these districts will be outlined at the September 1st meeting of the Executive Committee and the men will be secured to do the organization work early in September.

Colerain School Gets State-Aid Home Ec Teacher

Miss Eloise Burch Given Post; School Term to Begin Sept. 11

The Colerain high school has been awarded state and federal funds for the employment of a ten-months vocational home economics teacher, it was announced this week by J. J. Beale, principal.

Miss Eloise Burch who has been employed in the Colerain school as home economics teacher for four years has been named as the George-Dean teacher. Beginning this fall she will, in addition to her work in the high school, conduct an annual class in homemaking for adults of the school district.

The school's fall term will begin September 11. The grammar school faculty will be the same as last year but there will be two additions to the high school faculty, Beale announced.

Miss Rubyleigh Davis of Freemont, a graduate of W. C. U. N. C., will teach English. Miss Alice Wright, Wake Forest, also a graduate of W. C. U. N. C., will teach typing in addition to subjects Miss Burch formerly taught.

The complete faculty for 1939-40 is:

Principal, J. J. Beale; math and science, John Westbrook, Franklin, Va.; Rubyleigh Davis, English and French; Alice Wright, business, civics and economics; Eloise Burch, home economics; F. C. McCrery, agriculture; seventh grade, Ida Townsend, Fair Bluffs; sixth grade, Nita Brumley, Knotts Island; firth grade, Mary Gentry, Asheboro; fourth, Eleanor Early, Windsor; third, Rosalie Bullock, Bethel; second, Adelene McGregor, Spring Hope; first, Martha Yelverton, Freemont; music, Mrs. C. T. Roebuck, Colerain.

The new gymnasium is nearing completion and indications are that it will be ready by the time school opens.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CHANGED

Americans will celebrate their Thanksgiving holidays earlier this year, according to an announcement this week by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The President announced Monday that he will advance the date of the holiday this year from the last Thursday in November (November 30) to November 23. The change, he said, was to meet requests that holidays be spaced more evenly during the last six months of the year.

Thanksgiving is the only holiday not set by federal law. The President said there was nothing sacred about the customary date, and that it was not until after the Civil War that the last Thursday in November became generally accepted.

County Office To Take Orders For Cover Crop Seeds

Price of Seeds to Be Deducted From Soil Conservation Payment This Year

The county farm office is now ready to take orders for seed as a grant of aid to the farmers in the county, County Agent J. W. Ballentine announced this week.

The Hertford County Soil Conservation will have 35000 pounds of hairy vetch seed and 20,000 of Austrian winter peas for sale to the farmers, Mr. Ballentine said.

These seed may be secured from the association and a deduction to cover the cost will be taken from the purchaser's soil conservation check. All farmers in the county are urged to plant winter cover crops to protect their soils from washing and to increase fertility, Mr. Ballentine stated. Legume crops such as vetch, winter peas, crimson clover take nitrogen from the air and store it in the soil, where it may be utilized by other plants.

The association can only sell seed to farmers that are complying either in whole or part with the soil conservation program.

Thieves Raid Three Meat Houses Past Week-End

Bloodhounds Trail to Where Car Parked; Officers Possess Several Tips

Jackson, August 15.—

Sheriff J. Clyde Stephenson and Northampton County Deputies are searching for thieves who raided three smoke houses in the county, Friday and Saturday nights.

The smoke house on the farm of A. M. Mullen, of the Minton Store community, was raided Friday night, and the farmer's entire supply of meat was stolen. The loot included 6 hams, 3 shoulders and 3 middlings, each piece weighing approximately 30 pounds.

During the same night, the meat house on the farm of Norman Sumner, of Conway, was entered and a quantity of meat was stolen.

Saturday night, Charlie Britton, of Conway, lost 10 hams and 1 piece of middling from his smoke house.

Upon learning of the raids, Sheriff Stephenson, Deputy W. H. Barnes and Frank Outland, Chief of Police of Rich Square, trailed the thieves with bloodhounds to a spot on the Minton's Store-Woodland road where the culprits parked the automobile in which they hauled away their cache.

Local officers have several tips as to the identity of the thieves and their apprehension and arrest is expected soon.

Christian Harbor Man Visits World Alliance, Atlanta

J. H. Evans Describes Highlights of Recent Trip; Visits Former Resident

By J. H. EVANS

Christian Harbor, Aug. 7.—We reached Atlanta, Ga., at 2 p. m., Friday, and stopped at the registration hall to register. There must have been 3000 people in there.

We were given paraphernalia, consisting of a song book, a bag, programs and ticket to all the sight-seeing places in 20 miles of the city of Atlanta, with a map of the city of over 200,000, of which one out of three was a missionary Baptist.

From the welcome address of the governor, the mayor and senator, we learned that they were all Baptists.

We looked the map over and found the route to W. R. Taylor's on on Colegen Park, (Mr. Taylor being raised in this community). We found him and his wife ready and waiting with outstretched hands, and a heart full of love. The hospitality given us during six days we were there cannot be excelled in North Carolina.

Mr. Taylor took charge of us and carried us for six days on his car to every session of the meeting and to places of interest, except the place that housed Al Capone.

We were present at the roll call, where 60 nations responded, all but 2 in the English language.

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Floors First Load On Ahoskie Market

Early bird this year on the Ahoskie tobacco market is Clyde E. Willoughby, farmer of the Hickory Chapel community.

Announcement was phoned into the Herald office Wednesday morning that Willoughby was unloading about 2500 pounds of tobacco on the floor of the Basnight Warehouse. He has the honor of being the first person to unload his tobacco on the Ahoskie market in 1939.

Three Cases Tried Recorder's Court Tuesday Morning

Several Cases Continued: Abandonment and Concealed Weapons Featured

Only three cases were disposed of in Recorders Court at Winton this week under Judge Boone, while several others were continued to subsequent terms.

Harden Evans, young Ahoskie white man, was found guilty of abandonment and non-support. Prayer for judgment was continued three years on condition that the defendant pay the cost of the action, pay his wife Amanda Evans $10 per week and give bond for same in the amount of $150.

Claude Watson of Ahoskie was fined $5 and costs for allowing a minor to drive his car.

Ulysees Reynolds, Ahoskie negro, was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and fined $10 and cost.

Second Hit-Run Victim Found In Highway Sunday

Ernest Melton, Colored, Found Near California Road: No Clues Found

Second victim of hit-and-run drivers in two weeks in Hertford County was Ernest Melton, young colored man of the California section, who was found dead in the highway between Winton and Ahoskie last Sunday night about one o'clock.

The body was discovered by J. D. Blythe of Ahoskie and other motorists who were passing at the same time. It is said by spectators that one motorist, failing to see the body because of the parked cars, ran over the man as he lay on the pavement.

The tragedy was investigated by Patrolman P. H. Woodley, Sergeant A. W. Welch, Sheriff Charles Parker and Coroner J. N. Vann, all of Ahoskie, and ascribed to a hit-and-run driver. No clues as yet have been discovered, though Sergeant Welch said the driver of the death car may be apprehended, saying tha more than 50 percent of hit-end-run drivers are caught.

Investigating officers said that Melton was drunk at the time of his death and had been drunk all day. He had been arrested several times on charges of drunkenness.

The driver who struck and killed David Peele, colored, near Murfreesboro two weeks ago has not been apprehended.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS GO TO RALEIGH

School Superintendent Robert Brown, Principal F. M. Tucker of the Ahoskie school and Rob Roy Copeland made a trip to Raleigh last Wednesday in the interest of the Hertford County schools.

They visited the state school commission office to see about the possibility of securing an extra teacher for the county if attendance after the first ten days of school justifies. No definite promise was made by the officials.

WPA officials promised to help local WPA authorities in getting school WPA projects through as soon as possible, Mr. Brown said. The state department recommended several teachers for the position of home economics teacher at the Harrellsville high school, and one is to be sent for an interview.

IN HOSPITAL

Como.—Miss Rebie Picot was operated on for appendicitis at the Raiford Hospital, Franklin, Thursday.

Ahoskie Tobacco Market Ready For Annual Selling Of Roanoke-Chowan Crop

These Men Will Run The Show

STILL MR. FOX

FOX CLENDENON

He came to Ahoskie as a slim young fellow who kept the books at the Basnight Warehouse and answered everybody's questions. They called him by his first name, Fox. Even now, although he married an Ahoskie girl, settled down here, is the father of two children, and is not as slim as he used to be, to tobacco farmers and townspeople he is still "Fox" or "Mr. Fox." With Curtis Walker and John Bernard, he is back at the Basnight again this year.

OLDEST

C. H. PHAUP

It was twenty-five years ago that Charlie Phaup came to Ahoskie and whose energetic policies and vigorous advertising made the name of Phaup a household word with tobacco growers in the Roanoke-Chowan section, and it was largely through his efforts then that the Ahoskie tobacco market became firmly established. After several years on other markets, he returns this year to be associated in the management of the Brick Warehouse.

A LIVE WIRE

[redacted] remodelled and enlarged—Warehouse. At the Basnight they have with them John Bernard as sales manager. This team has been operating the Basnight for the past ten years.

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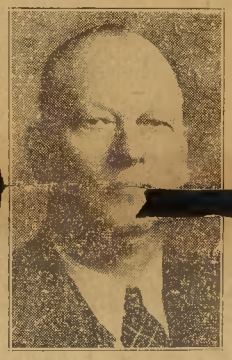

W. D. "WOODEN" ODOM

A native of Hertford County and a resident of Ahoskie since manhood, Odom learned first about tobacco in the fields around Harrellsville, acquired experience as a speculator on the Ahoskie tobacco market in its early days, went on to become a licensed buyer, and finally graduated into warehouseman in association with the late Sid Watson. He has operated the Iron Warehouse here for the past ten years or more. In addition, he is the owner and operator of a warehouse at Hahira, Ga.

To Begin Sale Of Largest Weed Crop Ever Tuesday

Ahoskie Market Put In Readiness for What Is Expected to Be Biggest Year

THREE WAREHOUSES

When the sales begin Tuesday morning, tobacco farmers of the Roanoke-Chowan section will begin the marketing of the largest crop of tobacco ever produced in the history of tobacco growing in this area.

At the same time, as a tobacco market, Ahoskie will be the best equipped and manned in its history, so that the greatest season in the history of the Ahoskie market is being anticipated by warehousemen, buyers, and local business concerns, all of whom have been busily engaged this week putting on the finishing touches to their preparations for the opening Tuesday morning.

Everything has been put in readiness in Ahoskie's three big warehouses to receive the flood of the golden weed that is expected to flow into Ahoskie from the surrounding territory. Warehousemen and their assistants have been busy in the field among the growers, advising and assisting them with their problems of curing and grading, and at the same time urging upon them the advantages of marketing at Ahoskie. At the same time, producers are themselves realizing as never before the advantages of marketing their crop near at home.

This season, when the largest tobacco crop on record has been [illegible] expected [illegible] to capacity, with this being particularly so in the large market centers. On those large markets, gluts and blocks may be expected which cause days of delay and expense before the farmer can sell his product and get his check. At Ahoskie, market promoters are stressing the fact that the three large houses here are prepared to render the Roanoke-Chowan farmer service, give him a sale for his tobacco at prices as high as the market affords, and permit him to return to his home the same night.

The warehouses at Ahoskie are under the management of veteran warehousemen who are known to tobacco farmers and to their fellow workers in the tobacco business to be among the best in their line. At the Basnight Warehouse, there are John Bernard, Curtis Walker, and Fox Clendenon, with a complete personel of assistants, including Mark Squires, their well-known auctioneer; at the Iron House, the veteran Wooden Odom will again conduct the sales and direct his efficient and courteous crew of assistants, and at the Brick Warehouse, "Charlie" Phaup, sometimes called the daddy of the Ahoskie tobacco market, is teamed up with E. R. "Ned" Evans, and the two of them are expecting to do their part in making this Ahoskie's greatest tobacco market year.

Not only have the warehousemen been busy this and past weeks out in the field, but a strong interest in the market this season has been manifest throughout the community. Streets around the warehouse properties have been widened and put into condition, business houses have been improved and many additions made for the comfort and convenience of visiting patrons of the market. Plans also have been made by the town commissioners for orderly handling of traffic at the warehouses and on busy business streets.

A strong corps of buyers representing all domestic, foreign and independent buying concerns has been assigned to Ahoskie, and strong competition on all grades under the spur of competition led by the veteran and aggressive warehousemen, is assured.

While production and acreage in tobacco in this area was increased from twenty to twenty-five percent this year over last, observers state that the quality will be only from fair to poor. Color generally is good, they say, but weight and body are light due to the excessive rains which

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Woodland Youth Wins Contests And Receives Awards Entitling Him to Trip

Robert Boyce, 17, Graduate of Woodland-Olney High School, Will Leave October 12 for Annual Convention of Future Farmers of America At Missouri Metropolis; To Receive Degree

Robert Boyce, 17-year-old Woodland boy, was awarded recently three trips to the Future Farmers of America convention at Kansas City, Mo., and several other honors for outstanding work as a vocational agriculture student at Woodland-Olney high school and as a member of the Future Farmers of America organization.

Boyce was state winner of the supervised farm practice contest sponsored by the Chilean Nitrate Company. The contest consisted of a farm practice program, scholarship in school and leadership in the Future Farmers of America organization, both local and state. The award was a free trip to the annual convention of the Future Farmers of America.

While attending the short course at State College, Raleigh, the degree of American Farmer, highest degree that a high school vocational agriculture student can receive, was conferred upon him. This also entitled him to the Kansas City trip. Boyce will receive the degree at the convention.

In addition, Boyce was elected state delegate to the convention which is to be held the week of October 14-17.

Boyce is past treasurer of the

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Ahoskie Firemen Go To Powellsville

Ahoskie volunteer firemen took a trip into the country last Saturday morning after receiving an urgent call from W. L. Early of Powellsville stating that one of his tobacco barns was burning and others were threatened.

Fire Chief Theo Mitchell and four assistants arrived on the scene with truck and equipment a few minutes later. They were unable to save the burning barn, but they saved the two barns nearby, thus preventing a considerable loss to Mr. Early.

SON OF FORMER PASTOR DIES

Oakley, Va., Aug. 16.—Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Reed Memorial Baptist church, Oakley, for Reginald Oliver (Ted) Burrell, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Burrell of Oakley. Rev. Burrell was a former pastor of Murfreesboro Baptist church and Ted Burrell had many friends in Murfreesboro. The burial was in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, Saturday morning.